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ACTING U.S. ATTORNEY KLINDT APPOINTED U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE ACTING FIRST ASSISTANT O'NEILL TAPPED TO BE INTERIM U.S. ATTORNEY

Jacksonville, FL - Acting U.S. Attorney James R. Klindt will be sworn in as a U.S. Magistrate Judge on October 31, 2007 and serve in the Jacksonville Federal Courthouse. Klindt was tentatively selected for the Magistrate Judge position in July pending a routine background investigation by the FBI. Earlier this week, the background investigation was completed and Klindt will be sworn in next Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in Jacksonville.

Klindt has served as the Acting U.S. Attorney since April of this year when former U.S. Attorney Paul I. Perez took a position in the private sector. Prior to serving as the Acting U.S. Attorney, Klindt was the First Assistant to Mr. Perez for approximately five years. Klindt has been a federal prosecutor in Jacksonville since December 1988. During the past 18 ½ years, Klindt has prosecuted a wide range of cases with emphasis on public corruption matters and major drug cases.

With Klindt's departure, the Department of Justice named Robert E. O'Neill as the Interim U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Florida. O'Neill has been with the Department of Justice for 19 years and has recently served as the Chief of the Criminal Division of the Middle District of Florida since May of 2002.